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Filner Asks Governor For Disaster Area Designation

In the wake of the 7.2 earthquake that hit the U.S./Mexico border, U.S. Congressman Bob Filner urged California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to ask for a Presidential Disaster Declaration for Imperial County.



"While preliminary damage estimates are still being developed, I urge you to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the areas of Imperial County, California that have been impacted by the April 4th earthquake," wrote Filner.

A Presidential Disaster Declaration is needed before federal disaster aid can be made available to help rebuilding efforts in areas affected by the quake. Local governments, homeowners and small businesses in the impacted areas could all be eligible for aid once the disaster declaration is made.

Congressman Filner represents the 51st district including all of Imperial County, the southern half of San Diego and the

**See the letter
below:**

South Bay cities of Chula Vista

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April 6, 2010		
The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger Governor State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814		
Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:		
I write to thank you for your quick response to the April 4 th earthquake in Imperial County, California. I also appreciate the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) efforts to coordinate response and recovery with local officials.		
While preliminary damage estimates are still being developed, I urge you to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration for the areas of Imperial County, California that have been impacted by the April 4 th earthquake. As you know, a Presidential Disaster Declaration is necessary to trigger federal disaster aid for local governments, individual homeowners, and small business owners in the affected region.		
Please let me know what we can do to help expedite the Presidential Disaster Declaration for Imperial County. Thank you again for your assistance.		
Sincerely,  BOB FILNER Member of Congress		
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